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**SAUDI MAN INDICTED FOR TRAVELING TO VALLEJO
TO ENGAGE IN ILLICIT SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH MINOR**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment charging NABIL AL ROWAIS, 37, from Saudi Arabia, with traveling to the United States for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct.

This case is the product of an joint investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the California Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Heiko P. Coppola, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between April 26, 2006 and April 27, 2006 AL ROWAIS traveled to Vallejo from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to engage in an illicit sexual act with a minor. Other court documents reveal that AL ROWAIS had arranged the meeting via the internet with an undercover agent posing as the father of a fictitious three-year old girl. During their communications, the agent and AL ROWAIS agreed to meet in Vallejo, CA so AL ROWAIS could sexually molest the fictitious three-year old. AL ROWAIS was arrested by federal and state agents at the meeting location. At the time of his arrest, AL ROWAIS was carrying an overnight bag containing a video camera and girls' underwear.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for each offense of traveling to the United States to engage in illicit sexual conduct is 30 years in prison, and a fine of \$250,000.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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